

Stephen Cole Kleene

Born 1909, Hartford, Conn.; logician and linguist, most remembered for his introduction of “Kleene closure” a mechanism for describing the repetition of phrases in a regular language.



Education: Amherst College, 1930; PhD, Princeton University, 1930.

Professional Experience: professor of mathematics, University of Wisconsin, since 1935; president Association for Symbolic Logic, 1956-1958; editor, *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, 1950-1962.

Honors and Awards: member, National Academy of Sciences, 1969.

QUOTATION

“Logic has the important function of saying what follows from what.”

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UPDATES

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